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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference APB/PB60771	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2005/003038	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 15 March 2005 (15.03.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 16 March 2004 (16.03.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220</p>			<p>FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below</p>
<p>International application No. PCT/EP2005/003038</p>	<p>International filing date (day/month/year) 15.03.2005</p>	<p>Priority date (day/month/year) 16.03.2004</p>	
<p>International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07D487/04, A61K31/437, A61P29/00</p>			
<p>Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED</p>			

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the International application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the International application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 in written format
 in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application,
 claims Nos. 22-25

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 22-25 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
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the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos.

the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

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the computer readable form	<input type="checkbox"/> has not been furnished <input type="checkbox"/> does not comply with the standard

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-34
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-34
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-21,26-34
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.9)

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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

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- 1) The present application relates to a pyrrolo-pyridines carrying a 1-aminocarbonyl-piperin-4-yl group in position 4, a 3,4-dimethylphenylmethyl group in position 5 and an ethyl group in position 1. The compound should be useful as PDE4-inhibitors (see test results p.44).
- 2) Cited documents
D1: J. MED. CHEM., 16(12), 1973, pages 1340-1346
D2: US-A-3 925 388
D3: JP 2002 020386 A
D4: WO 2004/024728 A
D5: WO 2004/056823 A

Documents D4 and D5 were published after the presently claimed priority; on the presumption that the priority is valid, these documents are not considered as prior art.

- 3) Novelty
Document D1 describes PDE inhibiting activity of a compound (37) which differs in the 4-substitution (butylamine) from the presently defined compound.
Document D2 describes antiinflammatory, c-AMP increasing agents which differ in the 5-substitution (esters) as well as the 4-substitution (not specifically as presently defined) from that of the present application.
D3 describes PDE4-inhibitors lacking the substitution to the 5-aminocarbonyl and with different substitutions to the 4-amino-group.

It is observed that D4 and D5 do not specifically describe the 1-aminocarbonyl-piperin-4-yl in position 4.

- 4) Inventive step
Document D3 may be considered as closest prior art, in view of which the problem to be solved may be seen in the provision of alternative PDE4 inhibitors.
As solution the modifications to both the groups in position 4 and 5 would not seem obvious to the person skilled in the art as the modifications are substantial whereas the prior art provides no suggestion that activity should be maintained upon such modification.

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5) Further observations

Claims 22-25 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).